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1. TANZANIA MEDIA JUNE 24 REPORTED DEPARTURE FROM ARUSHA FOR NAIROBI PREVIOUS DAY OF EAC MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WILBERT CHAGULA TO DELIVER A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM NYERERE TO KENYATTA. A SIMILAR MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT TO AMIN BY UNDISCLOSED MEANS. CHAGULA TOLD PRESS IN ARUSHA THAT MESSAGE CONCERNED FUTURE OF EAC BUT DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER.

2. AS JULY 1 DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF EAC BUDGET NEARS (REFTEL) KENYA AND TANZANIA APPEAR STILL UNWILLING TO BACK AWAY FROM UNCOMPROMISING POSITIONS. TANZANIAN VIEW, AT LEAST AMONG TANZANIANS ASSOCIATED WITH EAC THERE, IS THAT COMMUNITY DISRUPTION AND BORDER CLOSURE HAVE HIT KENYA SO SEVERELY THAT IT WILL HAVE TO MEET TANZANIA'S TERMS. KENYAN POSITION, AS UNDERSTOOD HERE, IS THAT TANZANIANS SO DESPERATELY REQUIRE CONTINUATION OF STILL-SURVIVING EAC GENERAL FUND SERVICES (INCLUDING RESEARCH, HEADQUARTERS, COURT, EA ASSEMBLY, CUSTOMS)
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THAT IT CAN HOLD OUT FOR A RE-OPENING OF THE BORDER AS A CONDITION FOR APPROVING THE BUDGET.

3. NAME-CALLING HAS STARTED AGAIN. WE NOTE FBIS REPORT OF JUNE 23 KENYA RADIO COMMENTARY ON DARK FUTURE OF EAC. IT CHARGES THAT UNCERTAINTY OF $96.3 MILLION GENERAL FUND "HAS THROWN THE ENTIRE TANZANIAN LEADERSHIP INTO A PANIC." COMMENTARY

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CHARGES "DERANGED" BEHAVIOR OF TANZANIA'S LEADERS, "WHO COMMITTED UNFORGIVABLE SINS TO THE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA." THESE SINS MUST BE "CONFESSED."

4. COMMENT. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT NYERERE STILL DESIRES TO PRESERVE STRUCTURE OF EAC AND IS ATTEMPTING TO GET AGREEMENT FOR AT LEAST A 3-MONTH INTERIM BUDGET. CHAGULA'S MISSION -- CURIOUS IN ITSELF AS A TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE CARRIED A MESSAGE FROM NYERERE TO KENYATTA -- AND KENYA'S RADIO COMMENTARY INDICATE TENSIONS ARE MOUNTING AS THE JULY 1 DEADLINE NEARS. TANGOV IS LIKELY TO TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION TO KENYA RADIO COMMENTARY.
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